

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 6740

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## AN ACT

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish  
Border Tunnel Task Forces, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Border Tunnel Task  
3 Force Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. BORDER TUNNEL DETECTION.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title IV of the  
6 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 211 et seq.)  
7 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 420. BORDER TUNNEL TASK FORCES.**

9       “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-  
10 lish Border Tunnel Task Forces in jurisdictions in which  
11 such Border Tunnel Task Forces can contribute to border  
12 security missions after evaluating—

13               “(1) whether the areas in which such Border  
14 Tunnel Task Forces would be established are signifi-  
15 cantly impacted by cross-border threats; and

16               “(2) the availability of Federal, State, local,  
17 and Tribal law enforcement resources to participate  
18 in such Border Tunnel Task Forces.

19       “(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Border Tunnel  
20 Task Forces under subsection (a) is to enhance and inte-  
21 grate border security efforts by addressing and reducing  
22 cross-border tunnel related threats and violence by—

23               “(1) facilitating collaboration among Federal,  
24 State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies to  
25 execute coordinated activities in furtherance of bor-  
26 der security and homeland security; and

1           “(2) enhancing information-sharing, including  
2           the dissemination of homeland security information,  
3           among such agencies.

4           “(c) COMPOSITION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF BOR-  
5   DER TUNNEL TASK FORCES.—Border Tunnel Task  
6   Forces may be comprised of the following:

7           “(1) Personnel from U.S. Customs and Border  
8           Protection, including the U.S. Border Patrol.

9           “(2) Personnel from U.S. Immigration and  
10          Customs Enforcement, including Homeland Security  
11          Investigations.

12          “(3) Personnel from other Department compo-  
13          nents and offices, as appropriate.

14          “(4) Personnel from other Federal, State, local,  
15          and Tribal law enforcement agencies, as appropriate.

16          “(5) Other appropriate personnel at the discre-  
17          tion of the Secretary.

18          “(d) DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS.—In determining  
19          whether to establish a new Border Tunnel Task Force or  
20          to expand an existing Border Tunnel Task Force in a  
21          given jurisdiction, the Secretary shall ensure that the Bor-  
22          der Tunnel Task Force under consideration does not un-  
23          necessarily duplicate the efforts of other existing inter-  
24          agency task forces or centers within such jurisdiction.

1       “(e) COORDINATION AMONG COMPONENTS.—The  
2 Secretary shall—

3               “(1) establish targets and performance meas-  
4 ures for the Border Tunnel Task Forces that include  
5 consideration of whether border barriers impact  
6 cross-border tunnel threats;

7               “(2) direct leadership of each Border Tunnel  
8 Task Force to monitor progress on such targets and  
9 performance measures for each such task force; and

10              “(3) periodically report to the Committee on  
11 Homeland Security of the House of Representatives  
12 and the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-  
13 ernmental Affairs of the Senate regarding progress  
14 on such targets and performance measures.”.

15       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
16 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is  
17 amended by inserting after the item relating to section  
18 419 the following new item:

“Sec. 420. Border Tunnel Task Forces.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 25,  
2018.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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